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In Re Application of: Gunsel et al

Serial No.: 09/534,282

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Title: Lubricant for Magnetic Recording
Medium and Use Thereof

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 12, 2001 AND
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2001, Applicants respectfully respond as follows. The three month deadline for responding to the Office Action expires on June 12, 2001. Since this reply is timely filed, no extension of time is necessary.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows. A copy of the marked-up specification highlighting the amendments is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In addition to chemical stability, a major challenge in developing disk lubricant systems is to provide adequate durability without increasing stiction to unacceptable levels. During the lifetime of a magnetic disk, the disk head goes through thousands stop-and-start cycles. If the static friction forces between the disk head and the magnetic medium become too large, the drive